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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 423

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Memphis Police Officer John Harold Robinson and to commemorate his meritorious service and heroism.

WHEREAS, it is highly fitting and appropriate that the elected Representatives of the State of Tennessee should honor those exemplary citizens who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in protecting and preserving the public safety; and

WHEREAS, our country has been blessed by courageous law enforcement officers willing to sacrifice their personal well-being and concerns to ensure the safety of our citizenry, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to have so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Memphis's Officer John Robinson was one such valiant Tennessean who bravely and professionally served the citizens of Memphis and of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, many grateful citizens of the Memphis community, the majority of them strangers, gathered to comfort his family, friends and colleagues in mourning the untimely passing of Officer John Harold Robinson, who sustained fatal injuries in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, countless people were touched and saddened by the tragic circumstances that ended the all too short life of this dedicated police officer, loving husband and devoted father; and

WHEREAS, a Memphis native, Officer Robinson attended the former Towering Oaks High School and Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, a 17-year veteran of the Memphis Police Department, John Robinson recognized the dangerous and life-threatening aspects of his job, but still faithfully fulfilled his duty to "protect and serve" with compassion and dedication; and

WHEREAS, during his sterling tenure in the Memphis Police Department, Officer Robinson rendered admirable service as a field training officer and was a distinguished member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Memphis Police Association; and

WHEREAS, his praiseworthy efforts were duly noted by his superiors and colleagues when he was recognized as the North Precinct's "CIT Officer of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robinson served with courage and gallantry and he should be posthumously recognized for his heroism both in the Memphis Police Department and in society; and

WHEREAS, John Robinson was most appreciative of the love and support he received from his loyal wife, Erin, and their four adoring children, Christina Elizabeth, John Locksley, Erin Elizabeth and Amelia Michelle; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Officer Robinson leaves behind will be fondly remembered and greatly treasured by his numerous friends and associates; and

WHEREAS, John Robinson served with great bravery and ability, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to specially recognize the life of this good and courageous man, while also pausing to remember his many exemplary accomplishments as an exceptional public servant and human being; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robinson performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of Officer John Harold Robinson of the

Memphis Police Department. This remarkable man made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of his duty as a police officer, and we salute his inspiring and selfless heroism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Officer Robinson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.